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Docket No. 1232-5393

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

WAKAO, et al.

Group Art Unit:

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Serial No.:

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IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,

Examiner:

COMPUTER PROGRAM AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

CLAIM TO CONVENTION PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application and under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55, applicant(s) claim(s) the benefit of the following prior application(s):

Application(s) filed in:

Japan

In the name of:

Canon Kabushiki Kaisha

Serial No(s):

2003-122939

Filing Date(s):

April 25, 2003

Pursuant to the Claim to Priority, applicant(s) submit(s) a duly certified copy of said foreign application.
A duly certified copy of said foreign application is in the file of application Serial No, filed

Dated: July 8,2004

Respectfully submitted,

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